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XAVERIAN HIGH SCHOOL



41% Of Xaverian's Senior Class Win Scholarships

Debaters Qualify For Albany; Nocella Wins Oratory Award

Judging from the recent announcements from Albany, it is apparent that Xaverian has done it again. Of 288 Xaverian seniors, 76 have won Regents Scholarships, and 40 more have been named alternates. These 116 seniors represent 41% of the Class of '62. These scholarships range from \$250 to \$750 per year. The exact amount for each one is decided by the Regents Board, and the money may only be used for a college in New York State.

Besides the Regents Scholarships, the winners are also eligible for the Scholar Incentive Award. These awards range from \$100 to \$300 per year, depending again on financial need.

COMING EVENTS

March

25 — School Science Fair

April

5 — Parents' Forum on Youth

18 — Easter Holiday begins

22 — Easter Sunday

26-29 — Senior Closed Retreat

30 — Classes Resume

May

4 — St. Joseph the Worker
X-Circle Card Party

5 — St. Michael's Reunion

6 — Stag Dance (SAC)

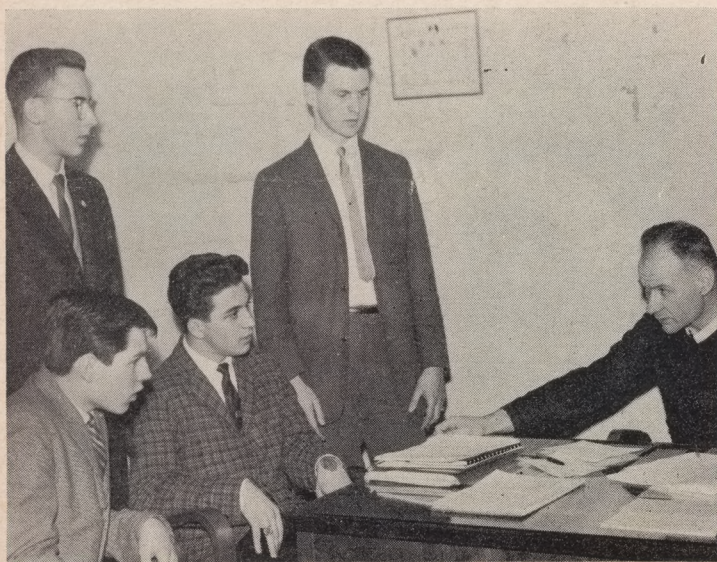
Debaters are hard workers; but even the conditioned nerves of the hardest veterans were frazzled after the hectic month of February. Not only was there a tournament for every weekend, but, at times, there were two tournaments for each day.

In a personal victory, and perhaps the outstanding recent achievement of the Society, Henry Nocella took a coveted first place award in original oratory on March 10, at the NFL Grand Tournament, held at St. John's Prep. At this same tournament, Robert O'Sullivan took third in extemp and Frank Puccio was a finalist in original. The next day, Xaverian's Varsity and Semi-Experienced "A" teams qualified for round trips to Albany on March 10.

In the field of debate, Xa-

verian's Varsity, composed of Anthony Carroll, Frank Puccio, James Cuomo, and Richard Jaeger, successfully defended its title at the St. Joseph's College Debate in Philadelphia. The same team placed third in competition at Georgetown. The only shattering defeat of the month, and that a costly one, left the Rykenites without the huge Crusader trophy of Holy Cross College.

In speech, an inexperienced team placed second in a February 24 contest at Msgr. McClancy. A novice debate team also qualified, on March 3, for Albany.



BROTHER THADDEUS instructs four of Xaverian's 76 Regents Scholarship winners. They are (standing) Ed Butler, Brian Travis, (sitting) Bob Kornhiser and Lou Palermo.

Parents Forum, April 5

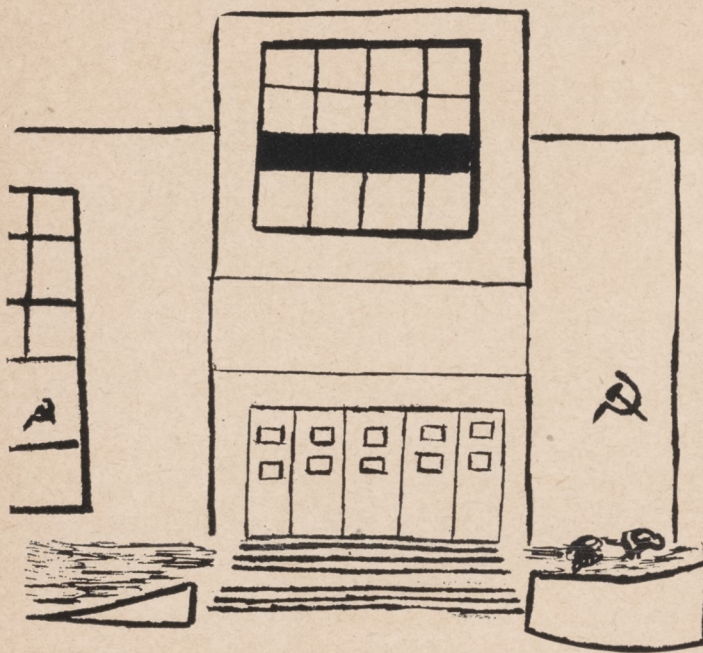
A Parents' Forum, designed to bring Xaverian's parents into a closer relationship with their sons, has been established under the auspices of Xaverian's principal, Brother Medard. Sponsored by the Xaverian Circle, the Parents' Forum is planned for the evening of April 5.

Among the prominent guests scheduled to speak on the panel of the Forum are the Reverend Steven Halsack, C.P., of Bishop Molloy Retreat House and Doctor William P. Riley, chairman of New York Citizens for Decent Literature.

The main objective of this program is to discuss the general

problems of today's youth. The influence of television, movies and literature upon the teenager's moral, spiritual and social life will be discussed. Addresses will be given concerning teenage hostility to obedience and resentment of study and work. Discussions will also be concerned with the student's attitude and opinion towards such topics as his future goals and successes. This will primarily pertain to present seniors in their choice and acceptance of a college.

FILL LENTEN MITE BOXES



The faculty and student body wish to express their condolences to Anthony Coppolino, 3A, Richard Rogers, 2B, and Peter Ciaccio, 1F, whose fathers have recently passed away.

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COMMUNISM AT XAVERIAN?

Neither in governments, nor labor unions, nor management are the seeds of Communism first sown. It begins in a far more subtle way, in a much more fundamental place. It begins with a nation's youth — a nation's schools. It has already begun. Does it exist in Xaverian High School? The evidence is damning.

1—The first victory for Communism is indifference. We spend hours studying the past and its mistakes in order to pass a history test. Yet how much time do we spend studying what may be the history of tomorrow? Ask yourself, "Does a newspaper consist only of comic strips and the sports' section? How many times did you watch 'Bonanza' rather than 'Open End', or 'Wagon Train' rather than 'Howard K. Smith', or 'Naked City' rather than 'David Brinkley's Journal'?" It may well be true that if Communism does come we can truthfully say that it came through no action of our own — but perhaps it will have come through our inaction.

2—Communism flourishes through prejudices. In religion class we are taught that all men are equal before God. Yet how many times have we assumed all Southerners to be "nigger-hating firebrands" or thought of "Algiers" as the national past-time of France or labeled all socialists "Communists" or branded all rightists "Fascists?"

3—Communism thrives on ignorance. It is an ignorance of truth and not of facts that breeds Communism. How many times have we allowed newspapers with "front page editorials" and radio and television announcers to interpret the news rather than relate it? How many times have we bothered to read a newspaper or watch a television news show whose views didn't coincide with our neatly pigeon-holed ideas and conceptions?

4—Communism breeds upon silence. While Communism cannot endure the quiet of courage and strength, it feeds on the silence of cowardice and weakness. Some Catholics try to use the Catholic religion as a crutch to shirk their responsibilities as citizens. They try to apply the unquestioning obedience of our faith to their political lives and never bother to question the actions of whomever is in power. They seem to forget that by their silence they give their consent and allow the loudest-voiced minority to speak for the mute majority. Our science courses teach us to question all that we see, hear, taste, feel or smell; and yet how many of us apply this to our daily lives?

5—Nationalism is Communism's tool. Excessive nationalism can be, and has been, used throughout history to further the beliefs and creeds of many despots and heresies other than Communism. Yet how many of us ever bothered to distinguish between "nationalism" and "patriotism?" All too often, through indifference, prejudice, ignorance, and silence we dismiss those who are either fervently for or against something as "fanatics." Perhaps we too might have crucified the greatest "fanatic" of all time — CHRIST.

We must remember that the fight against Communism does not begin in far away places with strange sounding names; it begins here or it doesn't begin at all! Here and now — today and not in some far-distant time or on some unknown battlefield — will we decide if we are

“... THE RABBLE, WITH THEIR THUMB-WORN
CREEDS, THEIR LARGE PROFESSIONS AND THEIR
LITTLE DEEDS, ...”

Easter Week Time For Travel

by Larry Della Mattera

Easter Week will be travelling time for many Xaverian students. Three school organizations have planned trips for that week.

Senior Sodality Moderator Brother Bonaventure has organized the graduating class annual retreat for April 26 to 29. The 80 seniors going will travel by bus to either Manresa Retreat House in Ridgefield, Connecticut, or Gonzaga Retreat House in Monroe, New York. The purpose of the retreat, which will be under the direction of the Jesuit Fathers, is to give the seniors an opportunity to examine their spiritual status as they near the end of their high school education.

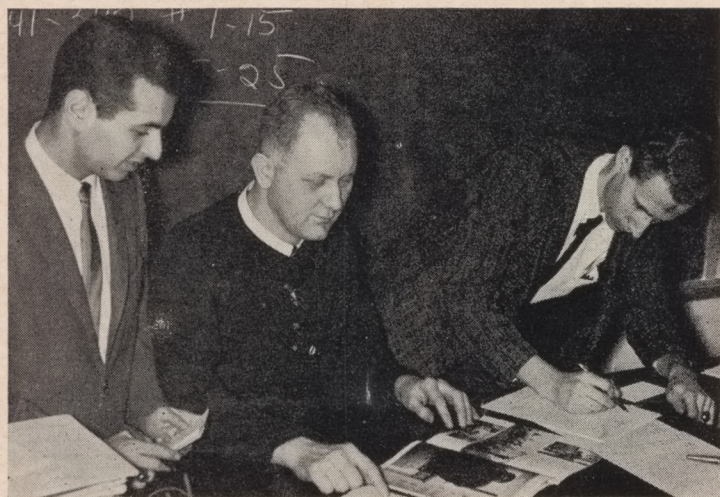
History Club Goes South

On Wednesday through Saturday of Easter Week, the freshman, sophomore and junior members of the History Club are to travel South to see famous monuments and places of historical interest in Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Jamestown and Fredricksburg. The schedule, which allows for some free time

in Virginia Beach, was prepared by the club moderator, Mr. Lowery.

Sodality To Leonardtown

The freshman, sophomore, and junior Sodalities have a trip planned for their members on April 25, 26 and 27. About 40 Sodalists will travel to Leonardtown, Maryland, to the Xaverian Brothers' Juniorate and Novitiate to participate in a one day retreat; the Sodalists will also visit with the 12 Xaverian graduates now studying at the Brothers' Novitiate. The return trip will feature a tour of Washington, including visits to the National Shrine, the Capitol, the Maul and the Tomb of the Unknowns. The Washington tour will conclude at Xaverian College, the Xaverian Brothers' College, where the Sodalists will be guests for a buffet supper.



BROTHER BONAVENTURE, Joe Savarese and Ron Duda are checking over story in SIGN magazine about Manresa Retreat House.

Xaverian Hosts Gleesters

by Kenneth Andriola

The Third Annual Festival of Glee Clubs was held here at Xaverian on Sunday, March 18. The glee clubs from Mary Louis Academy, St. Brendan's High School, Fontbonne Hall, Bishop Loughlin High School, Mount St. Joseph's High School of Baltimore, and Xaverian were featured. The concert was high-

lighted by the combined chorus of singers from all glee clubs presenting "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mr. Jacques, Xaverian Glee Club moderator, conducted the chorus of 500 voices.

The Festival program included Mass, luncheon, concert and reception for the participants.

Senior And Junior Proms Set

by Ed McDonald

On the night of June 1, till two o'clock in the morning, several hundred ecstatic seniors and their dates will dance gracefully in the plush Palm Room of the famed Waldorf-Astoria's Starlight Roof.

Breakfast-Dance Follows

A unique innovation, a breakfast-dance at the school, will be offered in the cafeteria, beginning at 2:30 a.m. School authorities will notify the parents of the invited girls about the breakfast, Brother Kyrin, the Senior

Moderator, expressed a hope that "all seniors will attend the breakfast after the Prom."

160 Expected for Junior Prom

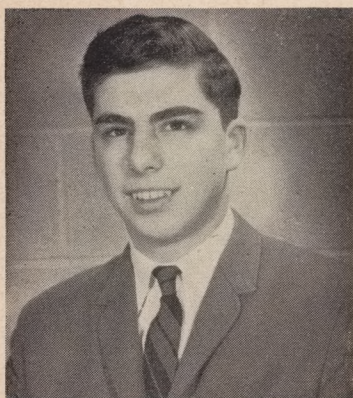
The Junior Prom has already attracted 153 juniors. This affair will take place on Friday, May 25, from 8 p.m. to midnight; Joe Carroll's orchestra will play for the dancers in the gymnasium. Though decorations have not yet been chosen, Brother Gerardus and the Prom Committee predict a good time for all.



"THEN SHE'LL JUMP OUT OF THE CAKE AND . . ." Members of the Senior Prom Committee (seated), Pete Murphy, Ed Lavin, and Pete Cronas, discuss prom plans with Junior Prom Committee members, Charles Doherty, Bob Marino and Paul Feeney.

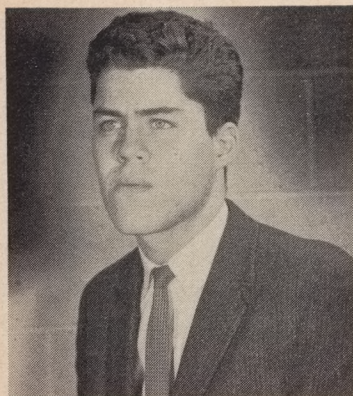
SENIOR

Dennis Amato is a familiar face around school. He is a member of the French Club and a writer for the school's French-language newspaper, **The Echo**. Den belongs to the Sodality and works after school as business manager for the **Local**. His chief interests are water skiing, the United Nations and macaroni. Holy Cross is his prospective college. He will major in Education.



Dennis Amato

A big guy of brain and brawn — that just about sums up John Riddell. John is a three year veteran of the Varsity basketball and a two year man of Varsity baseball. He was captain of this year's basketball team. The cafeteria "fog horn" is a source of irritation for John. After graduation, he plans to attend St. Francis College and major in business administration.



John Riddell

AROUND THE SCHOOL: ACTIVITIES

Science Fair, Sunday, March 25

Undoubtedly, on Sunday, March 25, Xaverian High School will be the scene of numerous scientific break throughs (or break ups) when the annual science fair is held here under the guidance of its moderator, Brother Bonaventure. The science fair is open to all Xaverian students, and each project will be judged on its scientific principles, skill, and originality. The winners of this fair will represent Xaverian in other science fairs in the diocese, borough, and state.

Xaverian Circle

Under the leadership of Brother John Edward, the Xaverian Circle is concluding a busy winter schedule of activities. The annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast, the Circle's most recent event, was held at the school on Sunday morning, March 11. Breakfast in the gymnasium followed the celebration of Holy Mass. With Mr. Alfred Tria as chairman, the Breakfast Committee procured Father Vincent Nugent, C.M., of St. John's University as main speaker.

The Senior Mothers' Tea was the opening social of the Circle's winter season. Attended by 150 senior mothers, the Tea provided entertainment for all (even non-tea-totalers) including speeches by Chairlady Mrs. Robert Rounds, Mrs. Thomas Cuite, and Brothers Medard and John Edward.

Organized under a committee headed by Mr. Joseph Withrow and Mr. Joseph Redpath, the annual Parents' Social, held in the gymnasium on February 17, attracted over 200 couples. Frederick Bechtold's orchestra provided the music; Mr. Thomas Beyer directed a demonstration of precision marching performed by Boy Scouts.

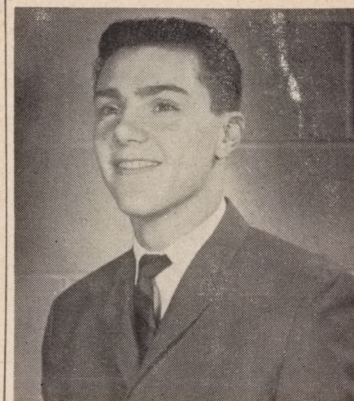
New Newspapers

Brother Kyrin has recently begun a newspaper in 3A called **Guy's Gypsheet**. The purpose of the newspaper is to create class spirit. It also enables students interested in journalism to see their articles in print. The paper has no editor, but is a common effort by the whole class. The paper has a poetry section, a French section, a review on currently running Broadway plays and reports on sports or other important class news. Brother Kyrin hopes that the paper will continue to be printed twice a month.

Brother Ramon has initiated a French newspaper with the purpose of increasing the knowledge of French through casual reading. The first edition of the newspaper, **The Echo**, was published in February, and monthly editions are planned. Crossword puzzles, jokes and current events, all in French, comprise **The Echo**. Co-editors, Ray Sullivan and Mario Toggia, hope the juniors will take over in June as next year's editors.

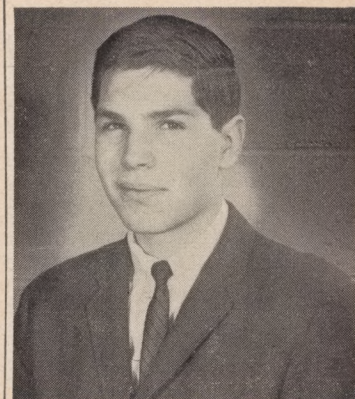
One of Mr. Lowrey's classes, 2G, has recently inaugurated its own class paper under the monicker of **The G-Men**. Two editions have hit the presses, and future editions are planned.

SPOTLITE



Joseph Chiara

Joe Chiara is chairman of the Student Interests Committee and a member of the Senior Gift Committee. Joe is a member of the Varsity baseball team, a member of the Sodality and is also a part of the **X-Press** staff. One of Joe's chief likes is football. After graduation, he hopes to enter West Point Military Academy. He wants to major in saluting.



Bob Kornhiser

Looks and personality are characteristic of Bob Kornhiser. Bob, a Sodality member, is president of his class. He is active on the Dance Committee and Student Interest Committee; he is also captain of the cheer-leading squad. Bob's chief likes are all girls. He hopes to attend Fordham University and major in English. His main ambition is to enter politics.

Critic's Comments

— by David Castronovo —

On Friday evening, March 2, and Saturday evening, March 3, the Xaverian Dramatic Society offered its second production of the season, "A Sound of Hunting," a play in three acts by Harry Brown. Concerned with the wartime sojourn of a company of American soldiers in a villa near Cassino, the drama had both the comic and tragic elements of a conventional war saga.

As they boisterously mused on the relative drawbacks of army existence during wartime, the 12 characters of the play managed to incorporate flavor and humor into their roles, while they preserved the dramatic effect of the entire work. They sat around "chewing the fat" and wondering why everyone knew what was going on in the war but them. The conflict in the drama centered around the problem of what to do about a stranded comrade when the company was ready to move out. Although it could hardly be said that it was handled in a soul-searching manner, the author's treatment of the problem sufficed in view of the total effect rendered. At least he had the skill to create

an atmosphere.

Mr. Morressy Directs

The entire cast, under the able direction of Mr. John Morressy, was, to say the least, at the top of its form. They did an excellent job on an interesting, but far from great play. Michael Maglia as Sgt. Thomas Carter and Henry Nocella as Pvt. Dino Collucci, just to mention two of the more notable players, gave spirit and substance to the evening's proceedings. In conclusion, the Dramatic Society should be congratulated for a performance of merit. All concerned did a commendable job of populating a stage with characters who managed to come alive to an enthusiastic audience.



THE STAGE IS ALIVE WITH "THE SOUND OF HUNTING" (l. to r.) Ed Vandewater, Charlie Hadlock, Charlie Hansen and Henry Nocella in a dramatic scene.



BROWBEAT

ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

by Joe Nugent

One of the new members of the faculty is Brother Vincentius, C.F.X., Assistant Director of Studies. After completing his math studies at Catholic and Fordham Universities, Brother spent almost 15 years teaching math in various schools run by the Xaverian Brothers. Nearly three and a half years ago, Brother was selected to study Sacred Theology at the newly founded Jesus Magister Institute for Brothers, located in Rome. After packing his bags and making the journey, Brother took up residence at the Xaverian Brothers' Generalate in Rome. The courses were given at St. John Lateran University, the seminary for the Diocese of Rome. Over 120 Brothers from eight different Congregations representing 28 countries took part in this initial program, which was specifically designed for the Brothers by the Sacred Congregation of Religious. Subjects covering the whole field of theology and catechetics were given in Latin, French and English. After completing the course and obtaining his degree in Theology, Brother repacked his bags and returned to the U.S. last August. Now residing at Xaverian High, Brother works in the studies office and also teaches the whys and wherefores of Calculus, Functions and Advanced Algebra.

When questioned about his impressions of life in Italy, Brother Vincentius remarked that the outstanding characteristic of the Italian people was their evident warmth and their love of their fellow human beings. According to Brother, "The Italians, who are undoubtedly the friendliest people in Europe, have endeared themselves to the ever increasing number of Americans that reach the shores of Italy every year. We tend to think of Italy as one of the very old nations of Europe, whose people are unified and whose customs and culture are the same; but," he continued, "Italy, as a unified nation, is actually younger than the United States. Too, there are such great varieties of customs and cultural patterns woven into Italian life," commented Brother, "that it is no wonder Italy has become the center of the world's tourist trade." Brother was further amazed by such differences as those in foods, customs, architecture and even the physical characteristics of the people.

In conclusion, Brother remarked that while his stay in Europe was a tremendous religious and educational experience, he was happy to be home again and back in the classroom.

The Hour

by Larry Della Matterna

He was born in 1899. In that year, the Boer War, which ended in the death of 85,000 soldiers, began; the Filipino guerilla war for independence was fought against the United States; and almost 9,000 people were murdered in this country.

He married in 1920, and he and his wife had two children. He worked to the limit of his capabilities to support his family in a decent manner. He taught his children by the best and most natural method: the example which he set. He knowledgeably worked to perfect himself in order to perfect that which was about him.

He died in 1938. In that year, Spain was fighting a civil war; the Nazi conspiracy came to light in our democracy; some "intelligent" men signed a "peace declaration" at Munich; and there were 11,000 murders in the United States.

Let an atheist tell me why he lived.

U. N. Dissolved?

by Richard Rogers

The organization dissolved; the configuration remained; the purpose faded and was lost to the imagination. Time wrought many changes to the principalities involved. Some became slaves to their vices — pride, lust, indignation. Others mimicked the ancients and became belligerent. Still others professed insouciance to elude intellection.

Insomuch as many held the conviction that they were above reproach, they endeavored to seize the rule. A few confuted the existence of a deity and turned to sorcery. Sordidness dwelled in the minds of men.

Erudition terminated with the spontaneous closing of academic institutions. Anarchy reigned. Impotence followed.

*This is the way the world ends;
Not with a bang but a whimper.*

The Superknight of Camelot

by Larry Petrillo

The Medieval Legends about King Arthur and his gallant knights have had their truthfulness questioned. The deeds that they were supposed to have performed are considered fantastic. However, until now, these legends have left out the story of the illustrious character who could do the impossible. This fellow was a mighty knight who performed great tasks in the service of the King, and then mysteriously disappeared on his flying horse before his identity could be questioned. The people called their anonymous hero "Ibette Drinksalot."

You are probably wondering how this chap received his mystic powers, and who he really is. For the behind-the-scene facts, let us go back in time to King Arthur's Court in Camelot. Among the valiant princes, there was an obscure knight who was scorned at the four corners of the Round Table. He was Sir Thanksalot, the Clark of Kent. The King bestowed the name Thanksalot upon him because he was polite to everyone, even the servants. He was the most mild-mannered of all the knights, and had never been called upon to rescue fair damsels from evil princes' high towers. In fact, whenever a daring adventure was planned, he shied away on pretext of being frightened.



How could this poor fink become the most chivalrous yeoman in the kingdom? Merlin, the King's magician, felt sorry for him. Once, while the court was feasting, Uncle Merlie slipped Sir T. a mickey that had magical properties. It made Kent brave and bold; it made his armor impenetrable; and when given to his horse, the potion made it fly like ancient Pegasus. He was no longer Thanksalot, the clod in dusty armor; he was now Drinksalot, the shining defender of the King. Nevertheless, the secret of his identity was in jeopardy. There was an inquisitive scullery maid named Loisse Guenelane at the castle, who, along with an impetuous page called James of Olsenshire, was always snooping when he wanted to get away.

One day the King received word that a band of vagabonds had kidnapped Percy Dovetonsils, his personal minstrel, and were holding him as a hostage in Sherwood Forest. Arthur quickly summoned all his knights to battle

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Intrigue a la BMT

by Pete Rikeman

I caught the train at 59th Street and entered the first car. The train was crowded, but not extremely so; and I got a seat. We had gone about four stations when three sloppily dressed Latins with beards got on. They took up the last three seats in the car and talked in low whispers. One of them, their leader, was dressed in a soiled army uniform with a few chicken feathers on it. After two more stops, a short man with a bald head came in and joined them. I knew I had seen these men before, but I didn't know where. Then Chicken Feathers stood up, and all knew who he was. His men pulled revolvers and covered us as he marched to the engineer's compartment. "Okay, Yanqui," he said triumphantly, "turn this train around and head south."

"South?" asked the engineer. "Say, mister, you want a 'Sea Beach,' not a 'West End'."

The Bearded One looked puzzled, but Pudgy took command. Taking off his shoe, he screamed and pounded the side of the car.

"Say, mister, that's against the sanitary regulations; I'll have to give you a summons," said the engineer. Then the four left the train; and, a week later, the Soviets renounced their intention of taking over the U. S. A.

"We don't want it!" Premier Khrushchev said.

SUPERKNIGHT — continued from preceding page.

— all but Kent that is. (He had sneaked away as usual.) When he had evaded Loisse and James, he went into his secret chamber and put on his special armor. Then he let his horse out of its hidden stable; he mounted it; and the stallion soared over the castle walls with a mighty jump and descended to the forest floor! Up the road Kent saw the kidnappers. "Aye, Knaves," he cried, "what be ye doin' there?" "Ye gods!" shouted the ringleader, "It be Drinksalot himself! Flee! Flee! We're as goode as donne inne for!"

The legend ends here, but we all know how the story goes. And bye the waye, donte ye breath a syngl wurd to nowunne abyut thisse. 'Causse it be oynlee a mythe, ye heare!



A VALENTINE DANCE is the scene; and juniors (l. to r.) Frank Termini, Don Pratt, Ken Murphy and Joe Kelly are enjoying the night with their dates.

STUDENT DANCES HIGHLIGHT SCHOOL YEAR

The Students' Activities Council sponsors eight dances a year, the most recent of which was the St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 4. Their ever-increasing popularity with the students is shown by their attendance. Credit for planning the dances and their colorful themes goes to Bob Andresen, Ed Lavin, Bill Dineen, George Siracuse, Bob Spina, Marty Roddini, De Witt Thompson, John Ward, and Sandy Antonucci.



Out Of The Depths

by Kenneth Tomecki

A dark, sullen figure appeared. Silhouetted against the bright, clear, blue February sky was a dark, hairy creature. It looked up from its earthly abode. It stared. It probably wondered. It scampered about slowly, uninhibited by the hustling, earthly civilization. It moved slowly, with no destination in sight. It proceeded to the nearest spring, tingling over with its icy waters. It looked very quizzical. It looked like an outcast, alone on the barren snow-covered countryside. The falling snow engulfed it. The snow's whiteness with a small brownish imprint resembled a small blot on clean paper. It turned and retraced its steps, clawlike in the soft, velvety snow. It stood near its domicile, a small hole slowly caving in by his recent exit. It thought, then reentered. It did not reappear. Today was an early day in February. This was the country. That was a groundhog.

REVIEW

WEST SIDE STORY

by Joe Kelly



In January, the New York film critics selected "West Side Story" as the best picture of 1961. They could not have made a finer choice. "West Side Story" is an excellent combination of very realistic drama, wonderful music, and talent. Artful camera work and sound effects also enhance the production.

The plot of "West Side Story" revolves about the love of a Puerto Rican girl and an American boy, and the sub-plot is the rivalry between two gangs, the Puerto Rican "Sharks" and the American "Jets." The lives, loves, and deaths of these people are not only acted out brilliantly, but even the music tells the story. Although the plot concerns only fictitious characters, it reflects the problem of Puerto Rican immigration into New York which is shown in one particular song.

"America" is the title of the song sung by the Puerto Ricans when evaluating living in the United States. The girls claim that living is good here, but the boys prefer Puerto Rico. The girls list America's good points while the boys enumerate the bad points. The lyrics are clever and even funny, but they do mirror the problems of the Puerto Ricans. For instance:

GIRLS:

"Life can be bright in America."

BOYS:

"If you can fight in America."

This song is probably the most significant number in the whole movie.

"West Side Story" has often been called a contemporary "Romeo and Juliet," but unlike Shakespeare's characters who die with flowery speeches and famous last words, these characters die brutally and realistically, in the manner fitting the world in which they lived. This realism would not be obtained, however, except for the excellent camera work and sound effects which seem to take the viewer out of his seat and right into New York's West side.

There is almost a full hour of music in "West Side Story," nearly twice as much as the average Hollywood musical. The songs range in variety from the very beautiful "Tonight," to the humorous "Officer Krupke," to the pulsating "Rumble." The music reflects the mood of the story, and the music is what makes the movie a great one.

Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer head the cast, and they are ably assisted by Rita Moreno and Russ Tamblyn. Newcomers who give good performances are George Chakiris, Tucker Smith, and Tony Mordente.

"West Side Story" is a tremendous motion picture, and it is worth seeing twice.

AND THEY SHALL

INHERIT THE EARTH

by D. Thomas Mack

We came. We matched her Mountains.

*We crossed her wide, rolling Plains.
We, the Dawn of a new day,
Came with Empires in our brains!
We built our superhighways.
We made our own Destiny!
We came. We matched her Mountains*

*Where her Rivers first flowed free.
To rough-hewed granite fountains
Which fed her vast inland Seas
We came with strong, corded hands.
To our will we made her bend.
This — our home, our native land,
Was now the birthright of Men!*

*We came. We felled the Redwoods.
We toppled the thumb-worn creeds.
We left behind, in the Past,
Large professions — little deeds.
Each we shattered, crushed and
smashed!*

*We came bold and free and frank!
We came and did all we could.
We, from every place and rank.
Came where buffalo has stood
On the muddy River's bank.
We built Cities of blue steel,
Tempered in the fiery Sun.
We bore but one common seal
And it read, "From many, — One!"*

*We, in this land's rich black soil,
Planted more than just our Seed.
We sowed our hopes, fears, — a
Dream.*

*Mixed a thousand different creeds!
Started fresh and new and clean!
Even in the darkest Night,
Our Factories blazed and toiled.
Their Fires gave a ghostly light.
And their fierce Heat made Steel boil!
Here we forged our brutal Might.
We were the Earth's very scum
And fools besides (so they say)!
We didn't know it couldn't be done,
Yet we did it anyway!*

Intramurals . . .

4E Cops First Round Title; Second Round Well Underway

by George Siracuse

Although Intramural Basketball started late this year, it did not lose any of its fight. In the senior division 4C, with Richie Bourne and Gerry Lynch, whipped 4A and 4D to gain a berth in the finals. The other senior finalist was 4E, with Joe Royce, Mike Ma'oney and Tony Akel, who beat 4G and 4F. In their showdown contest a 33-32 score was chalked up in favor of 4E.

3B Wins

The junior division finalists were 3B and 3C. With Ed Nocco, Ken Phillips, and John Koury leading the way, 3C whipped 3F and 3D. Standouts for 3B were Bob Mullens and Art Perri as they led their team to victories over 3G and 3A. In the finals B beat C, 35-32.

2D, Soph Champs

In the sophomore division 2D with Joe Lovascio and Mike O'Brien beat 2G and 2E. The other finalist 2K topped 2A and 2F with Gerry Walz and Bob Donnelly leading the way. The division championship was decided by a 38-22 as D beat K.

1G, Frosh Victor

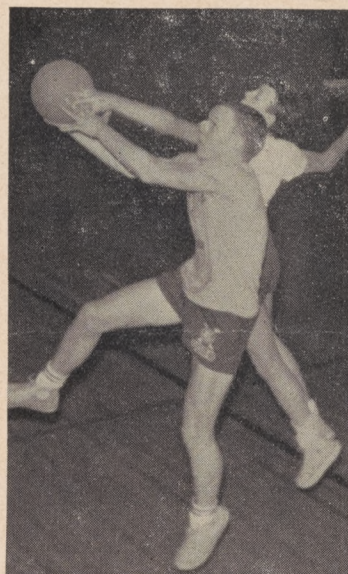
The freshman division finalists were 1J and 1G. Tom Eissman and John Loggie helped J beat 1B, 1C, and 1A. With Tom Ward and Kevin Malony leading the way 1G whipped 1D and 1E. In the finals G beat J by a 35-32 score.

The second half of the intramurals should see many reversals as various classes retaliate close defeats.

(Editor's Note) Where have all the students gone. They were not at the Holy Cross basketball game or the Catholic Champs track meet. Let's support our athletes at the big events as other schools do!



THE FORM AND THE FOUL: Richie Bourne shoots while Bob Kingren fouls John Hogan as 4C beats 4D.



BOWLING BOXSCORE

by Guy La Vignera



—: FRESHMEN —:

In St. Joseph's League, the Scorpions and the Cadillacs are tied for first place. James Fitzgibbon holds all three records in the league: high average, high single game, high series. In St. Alvin's League, there is a tie for first between the Alley Cats and the Pros. Roy Gerardi holds the records in this league. The Strike-Outs are the top team in St. August's League. All records go to Michael Kranis. The leagues are moderated by Brother August.

—: SOPHOMORES —:

The Flashes of St. Thomas' League occupy first place with the Continentals close after. The high game title goes to Larry Posillo, and the high series record to Pete Collegio. The high average holder is Allen Hancock with a 160 average. John Papa and Al Sross are the secretaries. Brother Donard is the moderator.

—: JUNIORS —:

The Four Roses hold first place in St. Lawrence's League in the Junior division. High game honors go to George Ronaldson with a 224 game. Tom Maiello holds high average records with a 150 average. The high series title goes to Paul Mathiesel with a 393 total. The secretary of the league is Larry Petrillo; the moderator is Brother Dean.

—: SENIORS —:

The Hawks hold first place in St. Joseph's while the Gents are in the top spot in St. Thomas' League. At the end of the sixteenth week, Ralph Garramone holds all three titles in St. Joseph's League. In St. Thomas' League, Bob Corsano holds high series titles; Art Smith, high single game; and Den Sheehan, high average. Secretary for both leagues is Frank Guglielmo; the moderator is Brother Alexius.

Brother Senan On Intramurals

"To provide competition for boys who do not participate in school sports" is Brother Senan's definition of Xaverian's extensive intramural program. This program includes intramural basketball, softball, swimming and bowling. Besides Brother Senan, who is the intramural basketball moderator, Brothers Kyrin, Fabius, Alexius, Donard and DeMontfort are the moderators.

Brother Senan, speaking for all the moderators, is extremely grateful for the assistance he receives from student umpires and referees. These valuable helpers are presently headed by DeWitt Thompson, athletic chairman of the Student Activity Council.

Intramural tennis and handball are two additions to the intramural program which Brother Senan hopes to initiate this Spring. Due to the success of the freshman track meet last Fall, Brother Senan would also like to have a track meet for upper-classmen.

Although Xaverian lacks an extensive campus, the school is fortunate to have a spacious park nearby, where intramural softball and football games are held. Thanks to the cooperation of Mr. Buttermilch of the New York City Parks Department, the fields are already for use; and the equipment, when needed is at the school's disposal.

Bowlers Plan Awards Dinner

The Bay Ridge Lanes and the Leemark Lanes will be missing several hundred erstwhile keggers as of April 7. On this date Brother Alexius plans to culminate the present bowling season with a Bowling Awards Dinner. From 5-7 p.m. in the cafeteria, bowlers from seven intramural leagues will reap the rewards of their labors. Brothers August, Dean, and Donard deserve congratulations!

Keglers Capture Brooklyn Championship

In the 1961-62 Varsity bowling season just completed, the Xaverian High School Varsity keggers finished tops among all teams entered in the Brooklyn division of the CHSAA Bowling League. In out-striking their closest competitors, Loughlin and Chaminade, the Xaverian pinmen won the right to compete as the Brooklyn Champion in the post-season city play-offs held in Manhattan along with the many other laurels merited by the first place team.

High Averages

Up to the beginning of March,

the seven members of this season's team — Frank Lamonica, Bob Simari, Joe Micale, Fred John, Ron Monaco, Ralph Garramone, and Charlie Bechtold — held a combined average of better than 170 with sophomore Frank Lamonica's 185 being the best. Close behind Frank, however, were junior Bob Simari, and sophomore Joe Micale, with averages of 184 and 182, respectively. The high game of the year was recorded by Joe Micale with a 258, but Bob Simari and Fred John had each broken the 200 barrier five times up to that point, and thus led in that department.

With only one senior, Ralph Garramone, on the seven man squad, the remaining high-scoring keggers will all be back next year to try to better their averages and possibly knock off first place for the second year in a row.

Eye City Crown

Finishing their long season (nearly 50 contests) in excellent fashion, the Clipper pinmen must now prepare for the playoffs in Manhattan. Brother Alexius, who would predict no championship during the regular season

even when the Varsity bowlers needed to win only half of their remaining 12 contests, is certainly forecasting no possible victory in the playoffs, but is definitely hoping to cap his third year as Varsity moderator by winning the city crown. It is certain that the Varsity keggers have the ability to win such a championship, as was demonstrated to all those who attended any of the Varsity matches at the Strand Lanes in Flatbush. All that is needed is a little luck and a lot of good bowling to capture the title. (All averages are correct as of March 16). — J. Kelly

Basketball Ends With Iona Tournament

The old basketball axiom that a team has to get the ball before it can score was certainly a deciding factor with regard to the Clippers' poor showing this season. The lack of rebounding strength continued to be Mr. McMorrow's number one problem, and was the chief reason why the team finished the season with a nine and twelve record.

But the season was not half as gloomy as the figures make it appear. Among the highlights of the schedule were a victory over St. Augustine's in the Garden, another conquest of rival Fort Hamilton and a decisive up-

set over highly rated Brooklyn Prep, 66 to 45. In the Prep game, four players — John Riddell, Art Arnold, Hank Hemrick and Ken Murphy — hit for double figures, while Frank Ferrara had six points and numerous assists.

Arnold Sets Record

Among individual accomplishments Art Arnold set the pace by breaking the school's single game scoring record with a 37 point bombardment of Trinity, while leading the Clippers to a 76 to 64 victory. Ken Murphy had several good games, including a 23 point outburst

against Loughlin and a 25 point spree against St. Francis Prep. Hank Henrick had several scoring sprees, including 21 against St. John's and 24 against Loughlin. Team captain John Riddell topped off a three year Varsity career with a 27 point barrage in the St. John's Prep. Frank Ferrara, the league's leading candidate for the Lady Byng Trophy, reached his height in the opening game against Fort Hamilton with 16 points, but had over 70 assists during the season.

Heading the list of substitutes were Richie Crowe, alternate playmaker, and Don Pratt, who

is Xaverian's answer to John Thomas. Both looked good under pressure, especially Crowe who climaxed the season by sinking 18 points against Xavier.

Riddell, High Scorer

The individual scoring honor went to John Riddell with 296 points. Runner-up awards went to Art Arnold, 235, Hank Hemrick, 203, and Ken Murphy, 195.

At the end of the season, the Clippers accepted a bid to the Iona College Invitational Tournament and rewarded their followers by making a respectable showing. — J. Shea

Cindermen Overrun Five Indoor Records

The past indoor track season saw five school records either broken or tied. These records, involving a senior, three juniors, and one sophomore, were set in sprints, middle-distance races, distance races, and the high jump. This variety shows the track team's versatility and its depth.

Piazza Ties Record

Senior Charlie Piazza tied the school indoor record for the 880-yard run, touring the distance in 1:59.4. Charlie's performance came at the last track meet of the season, the CHSAA Championships at Madison Square Garden.

Another star performer at the Catholic Champs was junior Bob Fleming. Bob raced around the Garden track eleven times on his way to a new school and junior class record of 4:42.2 for the mile run.

At the Brooklyn-Long Island Championships, held nine days before the City Champs, high jumper Don Pratt of 3C won the high jump with a leap of six feet 1¼ inches. His effort set a new school record, a new junior class record, and a new meet record.

The third junior to turn in a record performance this year was sprinted Bob Marino. At the

Catholic Champs in the Garden, Bob tied the junior class record for the 280-yard dash with a time of 31.8.

The best performance by an underclassman during the past track season was turned in by Mike Scagnelli on March 3 at the Catholic Champs. Mike set a sophomore class record for the 880-yard run with a clocking of 2:02.8.

Millrose Games

One of this season's highlights came on February 2 when a relay team consisting of Piazza, Marino, Scagnelli, and junior Paul Feeney competed in the Millrose Games. Although Xa-

xaverian didn't win, Stepinac, the team that did win, set a national record and Xaverian wasn't far behind.

Feeney also performed well on February 22 in the Brooklyn Champs where he took third place in the 440-yard run. Junior Pete Redpath turned in some fast times while anchoring the mile relay. Seniors who turned in good performances this year were Jim McGuire, Frank Perkins, Bill Jerro, Mike Glynn, Percy Bennett, Tom Sten, and George McCauley. Outstanding juniors are Dave Cummings, Bill Regan, and Tom O'Brien.

— L. Kelly

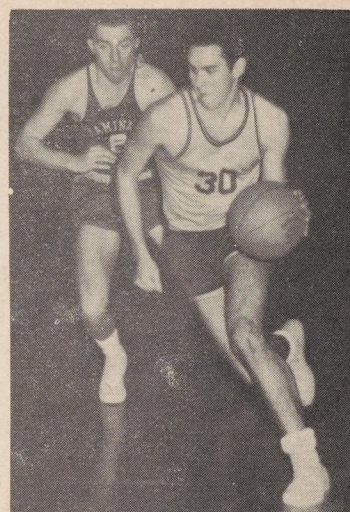
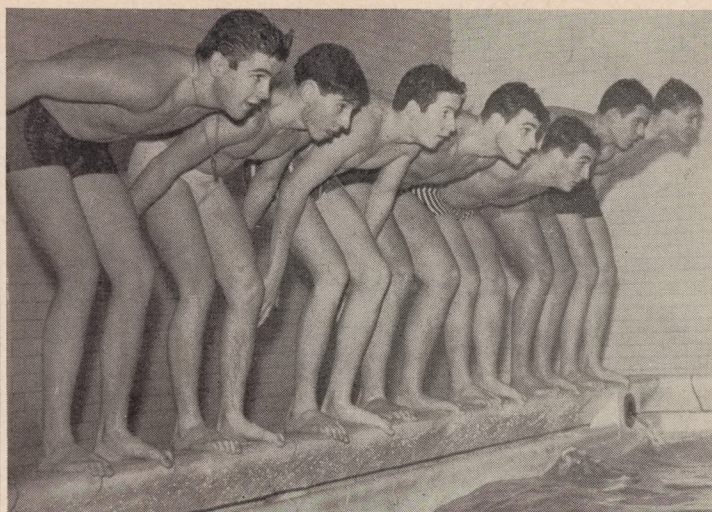
J. V. Sports Future Stars

At the close of the J. V. basketball season, the team, coached by Mr. John Woods, wound up with an impressive record compared to their record last year as freshman.

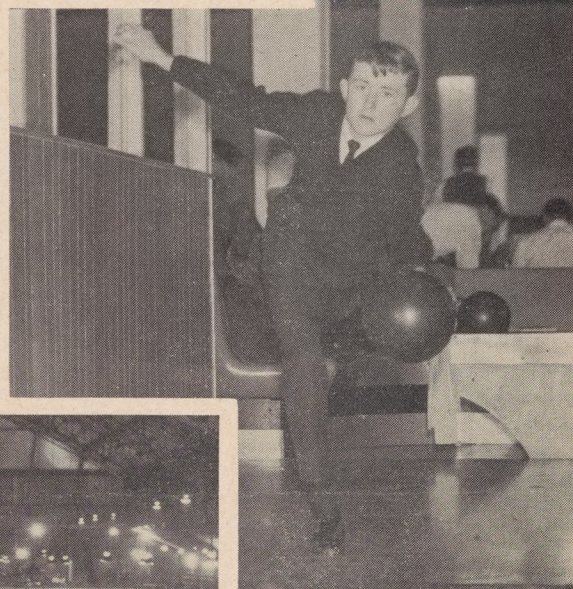
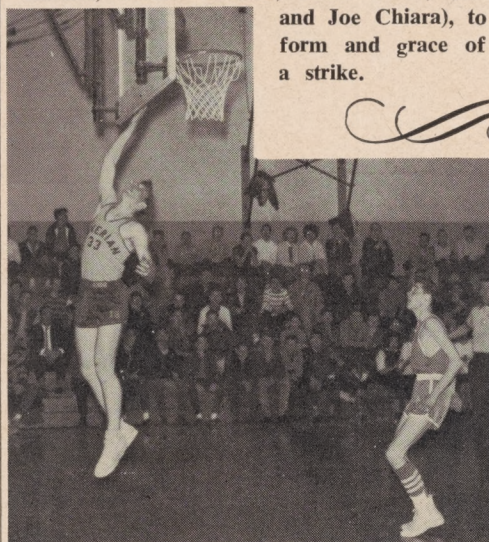
The members of the team who accounted for many of the teams wins were "Jungle Jim" Cody who usually scored in double figures; Brian Peters and Ed McDonald, two backcourt men who handled the ball well; high-jumping rebounder Terry Madden who accounted for a harvest of points; little Denny Marino, forever saving the team from near losses by his overflowing spirit and hustle, which enabled him to steal the ball from the opposition at several key moments during some of the games. The team showed impressive victories over Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn Prep and Cathedral,

Since five varsity players are graduating in June, many of the J. V. hoopsters will have to fill their positions. Among the candidates for these positions are Cody, Madden, McDonald, Peters, Marino and several of the outstanding sophomores and juniors who have sparked the intramural program.

All the evidence of this year's action indicates that the members of the J. V. who are lucky enough to make the top team next year will be able to handle any and all problems.



FACES FLOURISH ON THE FLASH: We catch it all from Joe Cody's lay-up, to the Water Rockettes (l. to r., Bill Taylor, Ray Rinaldi, Bernie Cannon, John Gaeta, Sandy Antonucci, Gerry Walters, and Joe Chiara), to dribbling Ken Murphy, to the form and grace of Jerry Cannon, exploding with a strike.



WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER THE PICTURE. Brother Fabius, Joe Kelly, and Luis Rodriguez finally discover Bill Martin and Bob Ludwig.



SPORTSPOT

by John Sibley

More short distance runners is the plea from Brother Angelus, freshman track coach. Midget and sub-midget performers are needed to supplement the already fine cast which boasts the only "authentic" frosh athletes. The following is a list of team members and their specialties:

Joe Quigley, "best runner of the lot," runs the half-mile in 2:15. Joe Porpiglia and Estaban Lopez also compete at this distance . . . Paul Frank holds the freshman mile record, 5:08, and the school cross-country mark, 6:42. Tony Marquette, Jim Burns, and Sal Dolcimascolo are other milers of note . . . In the quarter-mile Tony Cecalupo, George Silvis, and Chuck Porazzo are featured . . . Regulars for the 220 are Ronny Rossani and Jim Savold. Newcomers to this event are Vin Touhey and Bill Philpot.

Ed Broderick and Pete Stacey are high-jump regulars. . . Aspiring pole vaulters are Gil Rowleson, Tony Cecalupo, and Andy Santulli. . . Rich Bianco is acclaimed the best shot putter ever at Xaverian. Bob Accetola, Bill Carroll and John Counihan are other hopeful competitors in this event.

After seven hard-fought water races, Sandy Antonucci outdistanced Chuck Witherow in the swim-off that gave 4E the Senior Swimming Championship during intramural competition at New Utrecht High School on February 21. A deadlock in team scores forced the captains of 4E and 4F back to the pool to decide the winner. Bill Taylor, only entrant from 4C, was the individual stand-out placing in three races.

Taylor copped the 40 yard freestyle competition followed by Andy Desiderio, 4F, and Jim Horan, 4D. In the 40 yard breaststroke Antonucci beat Jim Guerin, 4D, and Desiderio. Chuck Witherow was followed by Taylor and Horan in the 40 yard backstroke. Freestyle competition at 80 yards saw Antonucci beat Taylor. John Gaeta, 4E, captured the last individual event of the night when he outlasted Art Smith, 4D, in the 40 yard butterfly. Other competitors were Ralph Garromone, 4F, and Bernie Cannon, 4E, who placed fourth and fifth in the 40 yard free style.

The relay races, which set the stage for the swim-off, saw 4F win the medley event and 4E take the freestyle race. This order was reversed for second place while 4D finished third in both races. Plans are being made for an open meet later in the year.

J. V. BOWLERS SURGE

A rejuvenated J.V. Bowling team has surged upward from a .375 to better than .500 average in four short weeks, shooting from sixth to fourth place. Brother August, team moderator, cheerfully commented, "It's been almost like old times this second half; my biggest thrill was getting out of sixth place."

The new team's .700 average shows promise. And the team has also shown fine clutch bowling by coming up from a fifty pin deficit to tie one of the league leaders, Loughlin, with a fine 830 series in the second game.

— A. DeNisco



HELPING HAND is given beginner by Ray Kochanski and Jim May at a tumbling exhibition.

Cindermen Second In Junior Novice Division

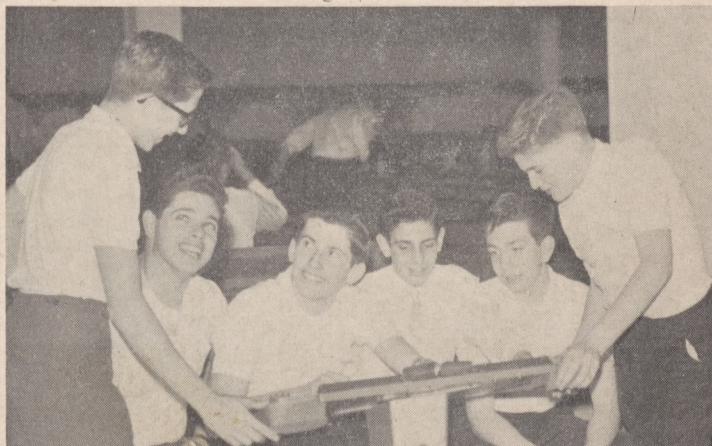
Washington's birthday proved a resounding success for Xaverian's track team. Vic Grande took first place in the Junior 50 yard dash. Bobby Marino tied the meet

record in the 280 with a first place. Mike Scagnelli broke the tape in the junior half-mile for another first place. The junior relay of Larry Sternfeld, Bill Ippolito, Ed McLaughlin, and Ron Rossani took fifth place. George McCauley took his heat in the mile, but failed to score among the top five. In the mid-get 50 yard dash, Rich Scorza scored two points with fourth place. The midget relay team, consisting of Estaban Lopez, Jim Burns, Ken Petersen, and John Nielsen finished for fifth place. Xaverian's cindermen brought

home the Junior Novice Division second-place trophy, yielding first place to Archbishop Molloy.

Although there were no medals in the Sophomore Champs, there were excellent times. Jim Greer hit a 2:08.2 and finished sixth in the half-mile; Oliveri placed sixth in the 100 yard dash with an 11.0 time.

Dave Fernandez, soph hurdler, qualified for the finals in the high hurdles with 9.7 seconds then took sixth place with 9.4 in the finals. — B. Jerro



" . . . AND THEY HAVEN'T WON IN WEEKS."

L. to r., Paul McManus, Tony DeNisco, Allen Hancock, Bob Andretta, Bob Ferrari, and Tony Coppolino.